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Hurricane Relief Closeout

Mayor Bob Young announced today the closeout of the hurricane relief project for Avon Park and Wauchula, Florida. Mayor Young encouraged people who wish to contribute to the relief efforts from Hurricane Charley and the other storms to work with the American Red Cross, Salvation Army and other established relief agencies.

During the water drive, local residents donated seven tractor trailer truckloads of water to Avon Park. Mayor Thomas Macklin presented the City of Augusta with a proclamation expressing his city's "gratitude to the citizens and local entities of the Augusta area for their generosity in our time of need."

A review of the damage and a personal appeal from first responders in nearby Wauchula resulted in a direct cash contribution of \$12,429.92 for the Hardee (County) Help Center.

Mayor Young said: "I want to thank the many residents and businesses who contributed so generously to assist our neighbors in Florida. I especially want to thank the members of the Augusta Fire Service and our Emergency Management Agency staff and volunteers for coordinating the water drive. As always, the Community Foundation stepped forward to handle cash contributions, and they are to be commended for their support."

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